

## **KARO-ECHO Board Meeting**

**12/07/22**

**via Zoom**

### **Attendees:**

Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Frans Kuypers	KJ6IUV
Annette McCoubry	KJ6SWK
Blake Yeaman	KN6CMP
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY
Hal Graboske	KK6NDF

### **Proposed agenda:**

- MOU follow-up (check-in with Chief after the holidays)
- Patch box installs (Bill Driscoll retired, so we may have some delays getting that process restarted, check-in in Jan.)
- Printing QSL card
- Training, skill checklist, survey of members about training needs/interests
- Crowd sourcing presentations/training
- Other ideas and main meeting agenda items?

### **Topics discussed:**

#### **P.O. Mailbox**

- Annette KJ6SWK asked about investigating alternatives for a mailing address instead of the expensive P.O. Box because of the low volume of paper mail and the difficulty of opening the old post office box.
- A box in EC City Hall? There probably wouldn't be any room available in Kensington.
- A member's home address?
- Changing our mailing address once would be difficult enough but changing it multiple times would be even more of a problem.
- We will continue to use the same P.O. Box for at least another 6 months.

#### **MOU**

- We hope to continue the discussion with the new fire chief, possibly in the new year.

### **Antennas**

- Howdy KE6BEE had not been able to contact Bill Driscoll about putting up additional antennas and found out the reason was he had retired. Howdy will find out who should be contacted for this matter now.

### **QSL card**

- To facilitate the multipurpose use of the newly designed QSL/Post Card, one idea is to leave the back blank on all that are printed and then print what is necessary on the back with a laser printer as it is needed..
- The card as designed says “Contra Costa County - should this be changed to include Alameda County where some members live? We will leave it as is for now unless there are objections.

### **Membership Meeting Training**

- Discuss Self Assessment Checklist
- Ask members what topics they would like to have included in training sessions.  
Suggestions from the board meeting:
  - How to program a radio.
  - If operators need to set up using a patchbox, some may not be familiar yet with how to connect their transceiver to a patchbox, what cables and/or connector adaptors might be needed.
  - Inclimate weather operating during an emergency. Would a canopy or tent be needed? Would a long antenna cable be needed?
- Ask members what subjects they would like to have presented.
- Ask members if they could present a subject.
- Sign up W6ECK for “Log Book of the World”?